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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1653**

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Choo et al.

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PROTEINS

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.